

From: VTA Board Secretary
Sent: June 10, 2021 12:22 PM
To: VTA Board of Directors
Subject: VTA Information: Ridership for April 2021

VTA Board of Directors:

Attached is a memorandum from Chief Operating Officer David Hill regarding VTA ridership for April 2021.

Thank you.

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Date: June 1, 2021
Current Meeting: N/A
Board Meeting: June 4, 2021

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors

THROUGH: Evelyn Tran, General Counsel & Interim General Manager/CEO

FROM: David Hill, Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: VTA Ridership - April 2021

Policy-Related Action: NA

Government Code Section 84308 Applies: No

INFORMATION ITEM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- To present the bus and light rail ridership performance of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS:

The report is an information item only.

BACKGROUND:

This report is routinely produced after each month. This report is for the month of April 2021.

CLIMATE IMPACT:

The report is an information item and will have no impacts to climate change.

DISCUSSION:

April 2021 total monthly system ridership was 1,099,005, an increase of 44.5% over April 2020, which was the first full-month of the shelter-in-place order due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The suspension of light rail service for several days in April 2020 coupled with additional bus service hours, gradual relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, and free rides to vaccination sites in April 2021 contributed to the ridership increase. Bus ridership was up by 27.1% while light rail ridership was up by 251.7% compared to April 2020.

April 2021 system ridership is approximately 60% less compared to pre-pandemic levels.

Ridership	Apr-2021	Compared to:				Calendar-Year-to-Date		
		Apr-20	Percent Change	Mar-21	Percent Change	Current Jan'21-Apr'21	Prior Jan' 20-Apr'20	Percent Change
Bus	891,457	701,472	27.1%	964,288	-7.6%	3,288,372	6,535,458	-49.7%
Light Rail	207,548	59,005	251.7%	220,988	-6.1%	796,879	1,763,391	-54.8%
System	1,099,005	760,477	44.5%	1,185,276	-7.3%	4,085,251	8,298,849	-50.8%

The boardings per total hour and boardings per revenue hour for bus and light rail for April are shown in the table below:

	Boardings per Total hour ¹			Boardings per Revenue hour ²		
	Apr-2021	Apr-2020	Percent Change	Apr-2021	Apr-2020	Percent Change
Bus	8.9	9.3	-4.7%	9.9	10.2	-2.6%
Light Rail	19.0	17.5	8.6%	20.3	19.1	6.3%

¹ Total hours – Includes revenue hours and deadhead hours (hours that a vehicle travels when out of revenue service).

² Revenue hours - Scheduled hours of service available to passengers for transport on the routes. Includes recovery/layover time.